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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Cedar Spring, S. C., September 29, 1933.

Hon, J. H. Hope, State Superintendent of Education, Columbia, S. C.

Honored Sir: I am pleased to transmit to you and through you to the people of South Carolina the eighty-fifth annual report of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. This report covers the period from July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1933.

This report speaks for itself and gives an excellent idea of the work which is being accomplished at Cedar Spring. The greatest need at this school at the present time is an industrial building. The old building and ancient machinery make up-to-date work an impossibility. Even more serious is the physical condition of the building. One division has been evacuated as it was felt that it would be dangerous for children to be at work there. No request is being made for this building but as soon as the State is financially able we feel that Cedar Spring should have a new industrial building.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL V. MOORE, Chairman
Board of Commissioners S. C. School
for the Deaf and the Blind.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind:

Gentlemen: As superintendent I wish to present for your information and consideration the eighty-fifth Annual Report of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. Due to a change in the fiscal year this report begins on July 1, 1932 and closes on June 30, 1933. This has been a year marked by the strictest economy. With our appropriation seriously cut we have been forced to reduce rather than enlarge the activities of the school. Our literary work we have not allowed to suffer but the work in our industrial department has not been up to its usual standard due to the fact that we have not had sufficient money to buy the necessary material for use in this department. We feel that this is false economy. This State should, we believe, give each child the benefit of the best industrial training. This should enable him to make a good living when he has completed this education.

However, we have noted certain good results which have come from this necessity for strictest economy. There has been in evidence for the past year among both teachers and pupils a seriousness of purpose and a determination to give their best which has not manifest itself for some time. Then too, our reduced appropriation made it imperative that we drop from school a certain type of backward child which we had been keeping in the hope that we might be able to improve rather than educate. The elimination of this type of child has been most beneficial in raising the general educational level of the school. Add to the foregoing the facts that each year our organization is becoming more perfected and that each year we are learning more and more about the education of the deaf and the blind and I believe you will find the basic reasons for the improvement which has taken place in the literary department. With the aid of this program of economy I feel that this school has enjoyed one of its best years.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For the information of those who are not familiar with Cedar Spring I wish to have just a word to say concerning the history of the school, the entrance requirements, the work which we attempt to do and other facts which we think will be interesting and informative.

On the twenty-second of January 1845, the Rev. Newton Pinckney Walker opened as a private institution the first school for the deaf in South Carolina. During 1848 he had spent a few months at the Georgia School for the Deaf preparing himself for this special work. He had become interested in teaching the deaf, due to the fact that his wife had two brothers and a sister who were deaf. In 1855 a department for the blind was added and in 1857 the school changed from a private enterprise to a State owned institution.

During its early years and especially during the Civil War and the lean years which followed, the growth of the school was slow. The founder died on November 13, 1881, but his work was carried on by members of his family and his associates until the election of his son, Dr. N. F. Walker, as superintendent a few years later.

The above gives some idea of the first years of this school. Today the school is greatly changed. In place of the original building we have an excellent plant with all modern conveniences. Our student body has grown until there are about three hundred children here during the school year, with a faculty of thirty-two teachers and instructors. In 1927 Dr. N. F. Walker was succeeded by his son, Dr. W. Laurens Walker, who in turn has been followed by his son, the present superintendent.

This is a State school for the deaf and the blind. Any deaf or blind child between the ages of six and twenty-one of sound mind and body whose loss of hearing or sight prohibits him from attending the public school system is eligible for admittance. His parents or guardian must be residents of South Carolina. To those unable to pay tuition the only expense attached is for traveling expenses and clothing. A tuition fee of forty dollars a year must be paid by parents who are financially able to do so. Each year the school is opened about the middle of September and runs for nine scholastic (four week) months. There is a Christmas vacation of about two weeks at which time all children are required to return to their respective homes.

ENROLLMENT

WHITE GIRLS

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White Boys	
······································	87 51
Total (White)	243
Colored Girls	
	1 4 12
Colored Boys	
Total (Colored)	
Summary	
Total	313

HEALTH

The health of the children of this school has been excellent. With the exception of a rather troublesome epidemic of measles we had little sickness. There were no deaths among the children.

BLIND DEPARTMENT

The work of the pupils in the Blind Department of this school very naturally groups itself in the following divisions—

the Industrial Department, the Athletic Department, Outside Activities, the Music Department and the Literary Department.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

The work in the Industrial Department is badly handicapped because of the lack of proper equipment, the necessity of using ont-of-date equipment, and our inability to buy sufficient supplies with which to work. We keep constantly before us one aim—to teach the children useful and practical trades which they can use in their own homes or from which they may gain a livelihood. Each girl has a regular schedule for her afternoon work in the industrial department and she spends a certain number of hours each week in the sewing room, the domestic science room, and in some form of household activity. boys in their shop learn to make mattresses, cane chairs, and in general to produce useful articles. During the last year we have used our domestic science department in preparing food for our cafeteria, our sewing rooms as a place where the girls could make their clothes, and our shops have supplied necessary articles for use here in the school.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The average blind child is perfectly content to sit quietly in a chair and either read a book or occupy his mind with day dreaming. For that reason the teachers in this department face, first of all, the problem of arousing the child's interest in athletics. In the primary department simple games are introduced in an effort to stimulate the child's interest in activity. Each child in the school has a ten minute period of callisthenics and at least thirty minutes of gymnastic training. Each year and sometime during the month of May, the pupils of the blind department hold their athletic contests. A sweater is awarded to the girl and the boy in the entire school who earns the greatest number of points. This year Miss Louise Wadford of the blind department won the sweater which is offered to the girls. We feel that the two instructors in the athletic department of our school are to a great extent responsible for the excellent health and the strong bodies of the children.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

The school is situated in the country four miles from Spartanburg and for that reason our children must to a large extent depend upon their own initiative for their social life. In considering and planning the social life of the different groups of children every effort is made to have it simple, natural and if possible instructive. Once a week we have a moving picture show and each child who desires to do so is allowed to attend. There is a regular monthly Honor Roll party which is only for the children who have received no demerits during the four weeks. On several holidays during the school year our children gather in groups to enjoy some social event. Radios are available at all times when pupils have their leisure hours. Reading rooms are constantly open and pupils are urged and helped to enjoy this form of amusement. Any child who had read a certain number of volumes this year was invited to attend a picnic. At numerous times during the year there are social events for either large or small groups and these add greatly to the pleasure of our pupils.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The following report is from the Director of the Music Department: During the school term of 1932-33 every student in the department for the blind has been required to register in some phase of our music work. This procedure we deem imperative, since long experience has shown that no part of our school curriculum offers larger opportunities for life work than does our present course of study offered through our music department. The following subjects are available to music students: Piano, violin, organ, chorus classes, individual vocal training, Braille and ink notation, piano tuning and repairing. Instruction in piano has been especially stressed since we believe this subject to be fundamental as a sound basis for musical development. Braille notation has also been emphasized and has proved most helpful in all phases of our music study. The introduction of a uniform type for the blind makes it possible to duplicate in Braille a substantial per cent of music available in ink print. This makes it possible for our students who follow music seriously to compete easily with their sighted competitors in either concert or teaching activities. The physical equipment

of the department is of a high order. This is due to the policy of our school management in purchasing instruments of recognized worth.

LITERARY WORK

There are in this department seventy-three pupils who are being taught by twelve teachers. The school is divided into the following sections: Primary Department, Intermediate Department and High School. From the time that the child enters the school until he is graduated he comes in contact with religious influence and much time, thought and attention is given to his religious instruction. In the Intermediate Department a course in typewriting is offered and this course is, we believe, a great help to the pupils in various ways.

A few changes were made in the literary department at the beginning of the school year of 1932-33 and each of these we have found very satisfactory. A more thorough and systematic system of grading was introduced. The passing grade for all departments was raised and a new system of grading has been used in the high school. The change will no doubt be a hard-ship for the lazy or mentally backward child but it will raise the standard of the school and allow only those children to be graduated who have fully completed all requirements.

As time goes on we find some of the yearly contests proving most beneficial in numerous ways. The oratorical contests and the expression contests are now an established part of the school work, and we believe that they are well worth the amount of time, energy and interest given to them.

After years of experiment and effort we believe that we are now seeing the result of much work in the library and that reading is fast becoming a very popular part of the life of each pupil. Every effort is made to induce the child to read not as a duty but as a pleasure. Our library now contains a splendid variety of books and each child has every opportunity to use and enjoy them. In every department of the school life, in numerous ways, and in almost every subject in the curriculum the teachers are pleased to note the most satisfactory results which may be directly attributed to the reading of the individual child.

As the children of this department must eventually take their places by the side of normal young people, we make every effort



to educate our pupils in the same manner in which public schools throughout the State are educating their student body. Let the child do everything to overcome his handicap and then, if possible, forget that he has it, is the one general rule which governs this department. Our teachers by observation, study, and experience try to keep up with these modern times and in this way prepare our pupils for useful and happy lives.

DEAF DEPARTMENT

In the deaf department we wish to treat our subject under the following divisions: Industrial Department, Athletic Department, Outside Activities, and the Literary Department.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

Taking everything into consideration we feel that the Industrial Department has been most successful during the past year. We were unable to add any modern equipment but every effort was made to teach useful and practical trades. Each boy spends two hours or more during the afternoon in either the barber shop, the printing shop, the woodwork shop or the bakery. The girls divide their time between the ironing room, the sewing room, and the domestic science department. In the sewing room each girl learns to make her own clothes and in the domestic science department she learns to be a capable house-keeper. In addition to this, each of the older girls helps to dry the dishes, set the tables, or do some of the cleaning about one week out of every four.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The average deaf child is eager to play but he must first be taught even the most elementary rules of the game before he is able to do so. In the primary building the instruction in this department must be of a very simple nature and the instructors spend most of their time teaching the children to play in a profitable way. In a short time callisthenics are introduced and each child in the school has a ten minute period of this exercise some time during his morning schedule. Indoor baseball, outdoor baseball, basketball, tag-football—all of these are taught during the year and our teams during the past

year have made a very creditable record. In the month of May the annual athletic contests were held and Mr. Clyde Wilson was awarded a prize as the most outstanding athlete among the boys of both the deaf and the blind departments.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

The outside activities occupy quite a bit of time and necessitate thought and work on the part of the teachers. The Walker Literary Society meets every other week. The children plan and execute the programs but all of the work is done under supervision. Once a week there is a moving picture show in the chapel which all of the children attend. Once a month there is an Honor Roll party which every child who has not had a demerit during the four weeks is allowed to attend. The Boy Scouts under the supervision of Mr. N. A. Braunagel and Mr. Lawrence Nine is an important organization in the school.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

There are in the deaf department of the school one hundred, seventy pupils who are being taught by twenty-two teachers. We use in our plan of educating the pupils both the manual and the oral methods. The school is divided into three divisions—primary, intermediate and upper classes. In the manual department either spelling or writing is used exclusively and signs are not approved in any department of the school. Each child in the intermediate and advanced grades spends a certain time each evening in a supervised study hall. The work which each child must do during this study period is carefully prepared by the teachers and much time, thought and attention is given to it.

If we should be asked to choose a motto for the year's work it would be: Plan everything, have an aim and work toward that end. In everything we have stressed this idea with both teachers and pupils. We have this year begun a more systematic and complete system of grading and the results have been very pleasing. The work with the radio ear has been carefully supervised and through experience and experiment we feel that we are making more use of the machine each year. A complete course of study is now being used for each year's

work and we feel that it is very satisfactory and well adapted to our needs. By the use of the Fitzgerald Key we are making every effort to give each child the best possible understanding of the English language. In all the planning, thought, experiment and work we are striving for one thing and that is to send out well educated graduates who will be a credit to themselves and to the school.

THE COLORED DEPARTMENT

There were enrolled in this department seventy deaf and blind children. These children are doing good work. We do not feel that enough emphasis is being placed on industrial work but here again we have been hampered by the lack of funds to buy the necessary equipment and supplies. There was one graduate in this department.

NEEDS

In September 1933, it is very hard even to approximate the amount of money which will be needed for the year beginning July 1, 1934. In making the following requests we do so in the belief that they will probably be changed before the next session of the Legislature convenes.

For the administration of this school for the coming year we request the following:

A-1.	Salaries	0
A-2.	Wages 7,701.8	4
A-3.	Special Payments 200.0	0
В	Contractual Services 4,600.0	
С	Supplies	8
D	Fixed Charges and Contributions 800.0	
G	Equipment 3,000.0	0
	Total	2

CONCLUSION

In closing the Eighty-Fifth Annual Report of this school I wish to express to the Board of Commissioners and to the of-

ficers, teachers and servants who labor with me my appreciation for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurens Walker, Superintendent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM JULY 1, 1932 TO JUNE 30, 1933

Balance July 1, 1932 in Central National Bank, Spartanburg, S. C.:	
Maintenance	
Balance July 1, 1932 in closed First National Bank of Spartanburg:	
Maintenance	36
General	24
Special 668.0)1
	4
Total\$4,792.2	<u> </u>
Receipts	
Received from State Treasurer (Maintenance)\$73,715.6	54
Received from Other Sources	.0
Balance July 1, 1932 4,792.2	25
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Total\$79,887.9	9
Expenditures	
Maintenance\$73,715.7	8
Expended from Other Sources	34
Balance in closed Central National Bank	
June 30, 1933	16
Balance in closed First National Bank	
June 30, 1933 4,312.9	1
Balance on hand June 30, 1933 426.7	8
From First National Bank (General and Special)	
placed in Special Account and including amount	
received from Other Sources 79.2	22
Total\$79,887.9	99

Balance in closed First National Bank June 30, 1933:	
Maintenance\$	3,599.88
General	111.82
Special	601.21
Total\$	4,312.91
Balance in closed Central National Bank June 30, 1933:	
Maintenance\$	2.20
Special	136.26
-	
Total\$	138.46
Balance Trust Fund June 30, 1933:	
Maintenance\$	397.78
Special	29.00
	126.70
Total\$	420.78

WHITE DEAF CHILDREN

Doris Askius	Florence	Nell Dixon	Chester
Bennie Atkinson	,Dillon	Dollie Davis	Orangeburg
Syble Allen	Laurens	John Davis	Spartanburg
Hughey Anderson	Greenwood	Hazel Dykes	Lexington
Jason Ammons	hesterfield	Rudolph Dean	
Jewell Ammons	Chesterfield	Gordon Ethridge	Orangeburg
Elizabeth Amaker)rangeburg	Edna Fowler	Union
Gertrude Anderson		Thomas Fail	Bamberg
Mouroe Benton	Horry	Whilden Floyd	Greenville
Griggs Benton	Horry	William Fore	
Sadie Boyd		Eva Graham	
Joe Bass		Reba Graham	Marion
Jesse Bass		Albert Gibson	
Lucile Bass	Chester	Calvin Gregory	Spartanburg
Vernon Bell	Aiken	Dora Garrett	
Grover Barnes		Inez George	Cherokee
Marie Barnes		Lucy Gatch	
Raymond Bair		Pauline Green	
Evelyn Brown		William Green	
Leighton Bradley		Claude Griffin	Lancaster
Mildred Brant		Franklin Grainger	
Julia Blume)rangeburg	Alfred Garick	
Jack Brown		Lchre Hamlin	.Charleston
James Bowers	Kershaw	Edua Hammond	Marion
Bessie BoiterS		Mildred Hair	Sumter
Edna BoiterS		Maude Halford	Barnwell
Alice BoiterS		Lucile Hartzog	
Alfred Brown		Edna Harbin	
Macey Bryant		Hugh Heape	Jasper
Helen Briggs		Woodrow Hyman	Horry
Eugenia Broome		Alice Heise	Richland
Joseph Bowling		Haskell Harden	Oconee
Marvin Carter		John Hackett	.Charleston
Robert Carter		Mary Frances Hubbard	Marlboro
Elsie Cooper		Wilburn Hilton	. Charleston
Frank Coltrane		Pauline Hopkins	Spartanburg
Sarah Cherry	Sumter	Adjer Hawkins	Greenville
Ellis Cashwell		Helen Heath	Aiken
James Cockrell		Julia Jones	Kershaw
Carolyn Campbell		Hamp Johnson	Horry
William CooperS		Myrtis Jones	Richland
Blease Crosby		Leon Kyzer	
Eloise Creech		Helen Knox	Oconee
Nell Couch		Thomas Kinard	Newberry
Hugh Davis		Ray Kinard	Newberry
Marvin Dukes		Marvin Likes	
Ruth Drawdy		Buford Laugley	
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WHITE DEAF CHILDREN—Continued

Lula Mae LathropNewberry	Louise Rogers
Rosa LeeDarlington	Walker Robinson
Lloyd LigonChester	Frank ShealyRichland
Mary MooneyhamRichland	Freddie StephensonAllendale
Mattie MassebeauCherokee	Vernell SegrestOrangeburg
Isabel MartinGreenwood	Lorena SpellDorchester
Pierce MasonLaneaster	J. B. SmithOconee
Leo MauldinPickens	Sarah SmithWilliamsburg
Thelma MorseRichland	Ruby Mae SmithMarlboro
Carl MoatsAnderson	Virginia SmithPickens
William MullinaxCherokee	Neal Smith
David MitchnnClarendon	Sam SmithLaurens
Reba Mole	Sarah Shokes
Mallie McAlisterOconee	Julia StoneySumter
James McAllisterFlorence	J. C. Strond
Millie McCullen Florence	George SimmonsCharleston
Charles Oliver Chesterfield	Oliver SoxRichland
Ernest OrrSpartanburg	Emerson Strond
Faye OntlawKershaw	Earl Tate
Thomas OwensCharleston	Gladys Tillotson Spartanburg
Nell Peeples	Evelyn TaylorLanrens
J. B. PlattDorchester	Arthur Lee Teague Spartanburg
Evelyn PetrieSpartanburg	Vivian ThompsonSpartanburg
Sarah Poston	Mary Thornley Charleston
Ryland PriceLexington	Wade TealChesterfield
Louise PigateFlorence	Luther Thompson Charleston
Charles PollockCharleston	Allen WilsonKershaw
Lynda PooleSpartanburg	Clyde WilsonGreenville
Lizzie Mae PowellIlorry	Louise WilsonAbbeville
Mary RhodesGreenville	Charlie WimberlyOrangeburg
Madia RiddleLanrens	Louise WattsClarendon
Dorothy RiddleLaurens	Hazel WeeksAiken
James RobertsColleton	Lewis WoodGreenville
Hubert RhinehartSpartanburg	Allen WightCharleston
Chesley RiversChesterfield	Lizzie Mae WestMcCormick
Carl RobinsonGreenville	Sadie WarrenOrangeburg
Reuben ReevesPickens	Retha WilliamsCharleston
David Risher Marlboro	
THE TESTED	Mattie Lee YoungGreenville
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WHITE BLIND CHILDREN

Fred AdcockPickens	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Theodore AdkinsOrangeburg	Lottic BonnerSpartanburg
Joye AndersonRichland	Max BonnerSpartanburg
Leroy Ashe	Lee BallengerGreenville
Simon Barnett Berkeley	Nettie BonnettLexington
Frederick BaskinKersbaw	Bertha CaraboMarlboro

WHITE BLIND CHILDREN—Continued

Frances Crawford Spartanburg Eldridge Clark Chesterfield Arch Mary Couch York Hen T. D. Christopher Greenville Lor W. J. Cockfield Florence Earl Capps Marion Ben Leland Drew Barnwell Pau Sarah Disher Lee Keis J. C. Drawdy Bamberg Joe Elliott Lancaster Ivy Frank Etters Spartanburg Mary Frye Lexington Ber Otis Finley Pickens Ver Virgie Fulmer Aiken Gra Leroy Fogel Charleston Ora Frances Gallman Union Flog B. D. Gallman Union Man Roy Green Spartanburg Woo David Hinson Sumter Jack Huthmacher Charleston Vell Tom Harris Cherokee Lucile Henderson Pickens Mar Scott Hair Barnwell Def Ann Hydrick Orangebnrg Zint Rupert Jones Spartanburg Rut Frontis Lown Lexington Wal	Mills
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COLORED DEAF CHILDREN

Freddie AndersonMcCormick
Sherman AndersonMcCormick
Elizabeth AndersonGreenville
Roland AlfordDarlington
Ed Byrd
A. M. BlandonGreenville
Etherland BrevardKershaw
Willie Mae ChisholmChester
Eva CrimFairfield
J. D. DixonMarion
Mack FosterSpartanburg
Celeste GaitherChester
Levi GamblePickens

Margaret Alice Green...Richland
Jeff GoldsOrangeburg
Albert HillLaurens
Blanche JohnsonOconee
Johnie KennedyWilliamsburg
William LawsonBamberg
Roosevelt McAdams ...Greenville
Charlie MasseyLaucaster
Ernest NeelNewberry
Minnie Lou ParksSpartanburg
Cathaline RichardsonSumter
Anna RayfordSpartanburg
Gertrude RobinsonCharleston

COLORED DEAF CHILDREN—Continued

Ruth RichardsonLaurens	Mary Washington Georgetown
Richard Shelton Spartanburg	Joseph WilliamsAllendale
Nellie Mae ShiverRichland	Marie WindbushNewberry
Simpson StyalsSpartanburg	Leonard Worthy
John WalkerGeorgetown	

COLORED BLIND CHILDREN

James Alston	. Georgetown
Floyd Anderson	Aiken
Robert Anderson	Aiken
Emory Bonner	Cherokee
Lonis Blassingame	Pickens
Ruth Brown	Chester
Josephine Bryant	Berkeley
George Browning	Union
John Marion Brown	Beanfort
Tourny Bouliam	. McCormick
Lucius Cave	Barnwell
Allen Clary	Charleston
Georgeanna Dudley	
Roger Goodman	
Robert Goodman	
Mary Good	
Johnie Gritlin	
Tommy Hill	

Cleavous HolmonNewberry
Letha JeterSpartamburg
Sadie KnightRichland
Thomas Land
Elliott LittlejohnCherokee
Eloise LunnDarlington
Leroy MossGreenwood
Julia Belle MimsSpartanburg
Robert McDowellKershaw
Dorothy PalmoreAiken
Lonnie RobinsonFlorence
Samnel RoperCharleston
Lonnie SmithSaluda
Lugenia SmithSpartanburg
Blanche SteadmanAiken
Almena Willis
Franklin Wilds







